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Visited Congressman Anfuso and orally answered a letter which he had sent to the Director asking for CIA comments on a proposal for U. S. industry participation in a Moscow Trade Fair. I told Mr. Anfuso that we were in accord with the objective of U. S. participation in such affairs, but that we were not in a position to comment specifically on whether or not the proposal forwarded by Mr. Anfuso had any particular merit. I did say that we had been informed that State, Commerce and other responsible agencies were of the opinion that a purely private deal, without government sponsorship or participation might run into insurmountable obstacles, but this was not stated as a CIA opinion. The Congressman feels that the project should go ahead, with or without any official participation. He indicated that Senator Humphrey was also very strongly of that view, and that they had requested the State Department to present a detailed story on just why a privately sponsored project of this sort was unworkable. The Congressman further asked if we hadany ideas as to types of exhibits which might be useful in such a fair. I told him I would pass on any ideas we might have.

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